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## **Candidate Filing Deadline**

State Capitol - Secretary of State, Max Maxfield, reminds potential candidates that the filing period for state, county and municipal offices nominated at the primary election is Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. By statute, candidates must have their original application and filing fee filed by the close of the business day May 30<sup>th</sup> in the Secretary of State's office, or county clerk's or municipal clerk's office, depending on the office sought.

"I see the beginning of the filing period as a time that opens many opportunities for people to get involved in the election system," Maxfield said. "I encourage people to volunteer to help in the democratic process; choose a candidate and put up signs or volunteer to be a poll worker," Maxfield said. "The great thing about Wyoming is that we

have grass roots elections; we have people to people campaigns, so there are great opportunities to make a difference in a campaign,” Maxfield said.

State Election Director, Peggy Nighswonger, emphasized that by state statute, fax or other electronic filings are not allowed. “We often have inquiries about filing by fax but Wyoming law simply does not permit candidates to file by fax because original signatures are required”, Nighswonger explained.

Candidates for school board and community college trustee elections are nonpartisan and are not on the primary ballot. Therefore, the filing period for those offices does not begin until Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> and ends Monday August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary Maxfield said, “The list of all state candidates who have filed will be posted on our website right after the close of each day of the filing period. Anyone wanting to take a look at that information can look at our website nightly beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>”, Maxfield said. The Secretary of State’s website can be accessed at: <http://soswy.state.wy.us>